## **REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested

By the foregoing amendment, claims 5, 8 and 12-18 have been amended to be in better form for United States practice and to delete multiple dependency. New claims 19-24 have been added. Support for new claims 19-24 can be found throughout the originally filed application, including at least original claims 13-14. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary

Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited

Respectfully submitted,

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